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1. Austrian industrialists spent about 57 million schillings on the election contest. (Other quarters mentioned even higher figures). About two thirds of this sum was given to the Austrian People's Party and one third to the Socialist Party of Austria.
2. Dr.h.c. (honorary doctor) Manfred MAUTNER-MARKHOF, partner of the MAUTNER-MARKHOF Pressed Yeast Combine\*in VIENNA XI, Vice President of the Association of Austrian Industrialists and follower of the Austrian People's Party, contributed 50,000 schillings to the election funds of the Communist Party of Austria. He expected this contribution to overcome economic difficulties for his plants located in Soviet-occupied Austria.

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